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Eric and Chip,

As you may know, TriMet is about to build a new bridge across the Willamette near OMSI. As I understand from TriMet staff, NMFS is requiring mitigation for the towers and proposed scour protection around the towers. TriMet has explained to me that they are required to remove 25,000 sq feet of piling and the City of Portland is asking that this be within the City. We took a road trip with TriMet last week to look at some of the piling fields in the Portland area.

I wanted to give you a heads up, as the TriMet staff have focused in on the piling field adjacent to the BES lab under the St. Johns bridge. I know this is one of the AOPC's and as TriMet is applying for an easement from DSL and I consider them a customer, I would like them to not spend a lot of time on a site that would not meet with the approval of EPA, pending the final ROD. I explained this to the TriMet staff and the COE representative who accompanied us on the trip last week.

I believe the TriMet staff is working on a Joint Permit Application which will be sent to the COE and circulated to EPA. DSL will need to issue a Removal/Fill permit through its regulatory staff and I will need to provide them with an access agreement for the work on State owned submerged or submersible lands. Again this is just a heads up and I just don't want them to get excited and spend a lot of time on a site that would be unacceptable at this point in time. They are new to the environmental game, as the project manager said, "We are in the transportation industry, this is all new to me". Any guidance I could provide them would be helpful.

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